duction of aluminium metal. However, the production has been less than the targets fixed.

Sale of Free Press Journal

3009. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shri Parasmall Lodha, a city estate agent in Calcutta, offered to purchase the renowned daily the "Free Press Journal" from Shri A. K. Karani; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) As per the information available, M/s. Indian National Press (Bombay) Ltd., continue to be the owner of daily "Free Press Journal", Bombay.

(b) Does not arise.

Accident in Dubeshwari Colliery in West Bengal

3010. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several labourers died in an accident in the third week of June, 1988 in Dubeshwari Colliery (Purulia, West Bengal) and that a warning about the mine having become unsafe was given by the miners to the management before the accident occurred, if so, what are the details of the loss to life and property and the compensation paid to the families of the deceased; and

(b) what steps are being taken for the safety of the miners?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) Four labourers were killed as a result of an accident which occurred in Dubeshwari Colliery on 8th June, 1988. There has been no loss of property on account of this accident. The enquiry into the accident by the Directorate General of Mines Safety revealed that no evidence was placed before the Enquiry Officer that before the occurrence of the accident, miners had informed the management about the colliery being unsafe for mining. Compensation is paid under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923 which is administered by the State Government and Union Territories. Information in this regard is not maintained.

(b) Provisions for safety, health and welfare of workers employed in mines are contained in the Mines Act, 1952 and rules and regulations framed thereunder. These provisions are required to be complied with by the mine managements. The Director General of Mines Safety, Dhanbad and his officers inspect the mines periodically in order to enforce the statutory provisions and take appropriate action as provided in the Mines Act, 1952, against persons held responsible for accidents and for violating the provisions of the Act. The Director General of Mines Safety also issues guidelines in the form of circulars to the management of the mines from time to time for improving safety measures. The management of Dubeshwari Colliery have also been advised to erect supports in accordance with the provisions of the support plan and to avoid formation of four ways junction.

Consumer protection fora in the country

3011. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Districts where consumer protection fora have been set up so far;

(b) the number of grievances filed by the consumer protection fora and registered Associations together with the number of cases disposed of;

(c) the total number of Appeals against the decisions of the District Consumer Protection Forum filed before the State Commission; and

(d) the action taken by State Commission in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) As per information available upto 17-8-88, 23 District Forum in Andhra one in Bihar, 3 in Mizoram, 6 in Rajasthan, 2 in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, 2 in Daman and Diu and one in Delhi have been notified by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations.

(b) to (d) Information is being collected from the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Action Plan for Food Processing Industry

3012. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister for FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Action Plan on Agriculture Food Processing has been chalked out; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Action Plans for the development of Food Processing Industries are under preparation.

संसद सदस्यों के लिये रखे गये भवनों का विद्यालयों को आवंटित किया जाना

3013. श्री मंजर लाल पंवार : क्या शहरी विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दिल्ली में संसद सदस्यों तथा मंत्रियों के लिए अभिप्रेत तथा आवंटन के लिए आरक्षित कितने सरकारी भवन विद्यालयों को आवंटित किए गए हैं ;

(ख) इन भवनों में चलाये जा रहे कितने विद्यालयों को दिल्ली प्रशासन की मान्यता प्राप्त है और कितने गैर मान्यता प्राप्त हैं और ये कितने वर्षों से इस प्रकार चलाये जा रहे हैं ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो ऐसे गैर-मान्यता प्राप्त विद्यालयों का आवंटन रद्द न किए जाने के क्या कारण हैं ; और

(घ) क्या सरकार ऐसे विद्यालयों को बंद करने तथा उनके आवंटन को रद्द कराने के लिए कोई कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है ?

शहरी विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री दलबीर सिंह) : (क) एक ।

(ख) यह फ्लैट एक विद्यालय चलाने के लिए वर्ष 1974 में आवंटित किया गया था । यह विद्यालय मान्यता प्राप्त नहीं है ।

(ग) यह विद्यालय उक्त क्षेत्र के संसद सदस्यों के बच्चों की आवश्यकताओं को पूरा करने के लिए है ।

(घ) इसकी जांच की जा रही है ? ।

P.M.'s Discussion with Media Experts

3014. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister had discussion with media experts recently on the functioning of Doordarshan and other Government media; and

(b) if so, the decision taken by Government to improve the quality and objectivity of the programme telecast and broadcast by the official media?